

Paratypes. Mexico - Oaxaca: 21km N Villa Diaz Ordaz, 3100m, 20.ix.1990, sifting litter in boreal forest, leg. R. Baranowski, one female (ZML); same data but 10.ix.1990, one female (ZML); same data but 7.ix.1990, sweeping at roadside in boreal forest, one female (ZML).

Very closely allied to *ashei* sp.n. in general appearance but distinguishable by its blacker coloration, darker legs and antennae, flatter elytral pubescence, as well as by the simple ventrite five and characteristic aedeagus of the male.

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### Ladybirds (Col.: Coccinellidae) attracted to light

It may be of interest that the 60 beetle species caught during the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 in a mercury-vapour light-trap run by one of us (JVD) in his garden in Wimbledon, Surrey included six ladybirds, viz:

*Adalia bipunctata* (L.) – two in July 1995

*A. 10-punctata* (L.) – one in August 1996

*Harmonia quadripunctata* (Pontoppidan) – one in July 1995

*Anatis ocellata* (L.) – one in August 1995

*Myrrha 18-guttata* (L.) – one in July 1996

*Halyzia 16-punctata* (L.) – four in July 1996

The capture in the trap of several examples of *H. 16-guttata* is in keeping with the report of Majerus and Williams (1989 *Ent. Gaz.* **40**: 71-78) that this is a species attracted to mercury vapour light and with a similar observation

recently reported by our friend A.A. Allen (1996, *Ent. Rec.* **108**: 298). Our findings indicate, however, that other species of ladybird also are attracted to light.— J.A. OWEN, 8 Kingsdown Road, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3PU and J.V. DACIE, 10 Alan Road, Wimbledon, Surrey SW19 7PT.

### **Some records of Coccinellidae (Coleoptera) attracted to mercury vapour light**

These notes have been stimulated by the reading of A.A. Allen's interesting note on the occurrence of *Halyzia sedecimpunctata* (L.) at his mercury vapour lamp in south-east London (*Ent. Rec.* **108**: 298). I can report two captures of the Orange Ladybird taken in my mercury vapour trap at Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria (SD4077). The first was on 4.vii.1994 and the second on 2.vii.1996. Both specimens were in the trap. They exhibit the prominent translucent explanate sides of the thorax which Mr Allen emphasises as a useful diagnostic character of the species.

Mr Allen also refers to the interesting article by Majerus and Williams (1989, *Ent. Gaz.* **40**: 1-8) in connection with the distribution of the Orange Ladybird. In the same article the authors note that "... though ladybirds on the whole do not visit moth-traps, this species may be attracted to ultra-violet light". *Apropos* this statement, in addition to the above records I can add the following: *Adalia 10-punctata* (L.) one specimen on 27.ix.1995; *Coccinella 11-punctata* (L.) one specimen on 10.viii.1995; *Myzia oblongoguttata* (L.) one specimen 27.vii.1995. All these records were at my m.v. trap at Grange-over-Sands. Regarding *M. oblongoguttata* I was interested to read that a specimen was exhibited, at the BENHS Exhibition, taken at m.v. light in Richmond Park, Surrey by M.S. Parsons (*Br.J.ent.nat.Hist.* **9**: 234).

Though I have no specific data I have in the past frequently noted both *Coccinella 7-punctata* (L.) and *Adalia 2-punctata* (L.) in or about the trap.

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### ***Halyzia sedecimguttata* (L.) (Col.: Coccinellidae): a postscript**

My recent note (*Ent. Rec.* **108**: 298) recording this ladybird here at light is inaccurate in one particular: it appears now that I had previously taken a specimen at m.v. light at Blackheath near here (24.vi.1959), but retained no memory of the event, and the beetle is not in my collection. This, therefore, and not the above Charlton record, may be the first for the London suburbs; though, as 1959 was a year of far greater insect abundance and migratory activity than 1996 in this district, the *Halyzia* may have come from an indefinite distance. Finally, two further specimens turned up at the lamp here last summer (22.vii.1996 & 19.viii.1996).— A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.